

REMARKS

In the above referenced case, claims 158-173 are pending. Applicant will sequentially address the issues raised by the Examiner.

I. The 35 U.S.C. §102 Rejections

Claims 158-159 and 166-167 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kurematsu et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,153,752 (“KUREMATSU”).

Independent claims 158 and 166 have been amended to recite “altering (means for altering) the single selected predetermined orientation of the chosen component of the electric field vectors ... by passing each of the separate beam of color through a respective one of a plurality of altering means in a single direction”

KUREMATSU discloses a projector that implements the reflective type LCDs so that light passes through the LCDs twice in two opposite directions.¹ The projector configuration disclosed in KUREMATSU would not work with non-reflective type LCDs (e.g., transmissive type, etc.).

Based on the foregoing amendments, all pending claims (i.e., claims 158-173) should be in condition for allowance.

II. Previous Arguments

The Examiner was not persuaded by Applicant’s arguments in the response filed on October 12, 2004. Applicant hereby expressly retracts those arguments in their entirety.²

¹ “First to third liquid crystal panels 25R, 25G, and 25B of the reflection type” KUREMATSU, col. 5, lines 26-27.

² Such retracted arguments should, therefore, not form the basis for any claim construction or prosecution history estoppel.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would help advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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